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Beach Carolina Magazine

The Museum of the Cape Fear Fun and Visitation Grows

Despite a 50 percent cut to its operational budget and a loss of eight full-time staff members, monthly visitation to the Museum of the Cape Fear is on the rise. During 2012, increasing numbers of visitors have come to experience the state history museum complex. Recent months have shown double digit increases, including a 229% March spike in on-site visitors over the previous year. Read more [here](#).

Beach Carolina Magazine

SECCA's Attendance Still Growing – Outstanding Exhibitions and Programming Deliver Great Value to Guests

The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) has seen a steady increase in attendance year-over-year since reopening in 2009 as part of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. During fiscal year 2011-12, SECCA experienced a 7.1 percent annual increase in visitation over the previous year. To date attendance continues to rise since July, including a 40 percent increase during September. Read more [here](#).

North Carolina News Network

Battleship Reaches Out to Veterans

You can spread some holiday cheer by making homemade holiday cards for veterans this holiday season. They'll be delivered to thousands of vets in V-A hospitals across the country. Heather Loftin of the Battleship North Carolina tells us about the deadline for sending them in. Read more [here](#).

N.C. Headlines website

State Capitol starts holiday season with tree-lighting ceremony, open house Dec. 6

The annual holiday tree-lighting tradition at the State Capitol will continue when Gov. Bev Perdue and First Gentleman Bob Eaves light the Christmas tree on Thursday, Dec. 6. The Junior Woman's Club and State Capitol historic site host this free, public celebration. Visitors will find the N.C. Museum of History and its gift shop open, and will enjoy the giant decorated tree in the lobby. Read more [here](#).

Raleigh News & Observer —“Under the Dome”

McCrory to be sworn in Jan. 5

Republican Pat McCrory will become North Carolina's 74th governor on Jan. 5 in a low-key ceremony in the old Senate chamber in Raleigh. McCrory will deliver his Inaugural speech on Saturday, Jan. 12, on the Capitol grounds. Read more [here](#).

Kinston Free Press

Opening of CSS Neuse museum on pause to build expanded auditorium

It's a rare thing to welcome the delay of a project, especially one as high-profile as the building of the CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center. Thanks to the generosity of a local family, the construction of an auditorium in the lobby area of the museum can proceed ahead of schedule, and the auditorium will be larger than anticipated. Read more [here](#).

The Raleigh Telegram

New Civil War Exhibit With Focus On NC Soldiers, Weapons Opens At NC Museum

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in North Carolina, the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh is presenting a three-part exhibit series titled North Carolina and the Civil War: 1861-1865. The series explores the four-year conflict that changed the state and nation. Part two of the series, North Carolina and the Civil War: The Raging Storm, 1863, opened Nov. 4. Read more [here](#).

Carteret County News-Times

More QAR cannons found at wreck site

State underwater archaeologists were pleasantly surprised recently to find two more cannons to add to the growing number found at the Queen Anne's Revenge shipwreck site in Beaufort Inlet. Divers were about to close down the site for the fall dive season on Oct. 23 when they found two carriage guns north of a larger pile of cannons in the mid-ship section, according to John Morris, deputy state archaeologist who oversees the QAR project. Read more [here](#).

The Pilot (Southern Pines)

NC History Museum Honors Danielses for Contributions

Frank A. Daniels Jr., board chairman and majority owner of The Pilot, and his wife, Julia Jones Daniels, have received the N.C. Museum of History Foundation's inaugural 2012 Philanthropy Awards. The awards, presented during a Nov. 13 event at the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh, recognize individuals and organizations for outstanding contributions to the preservation, study or understanding of North Carolina history. Read more [here](#).